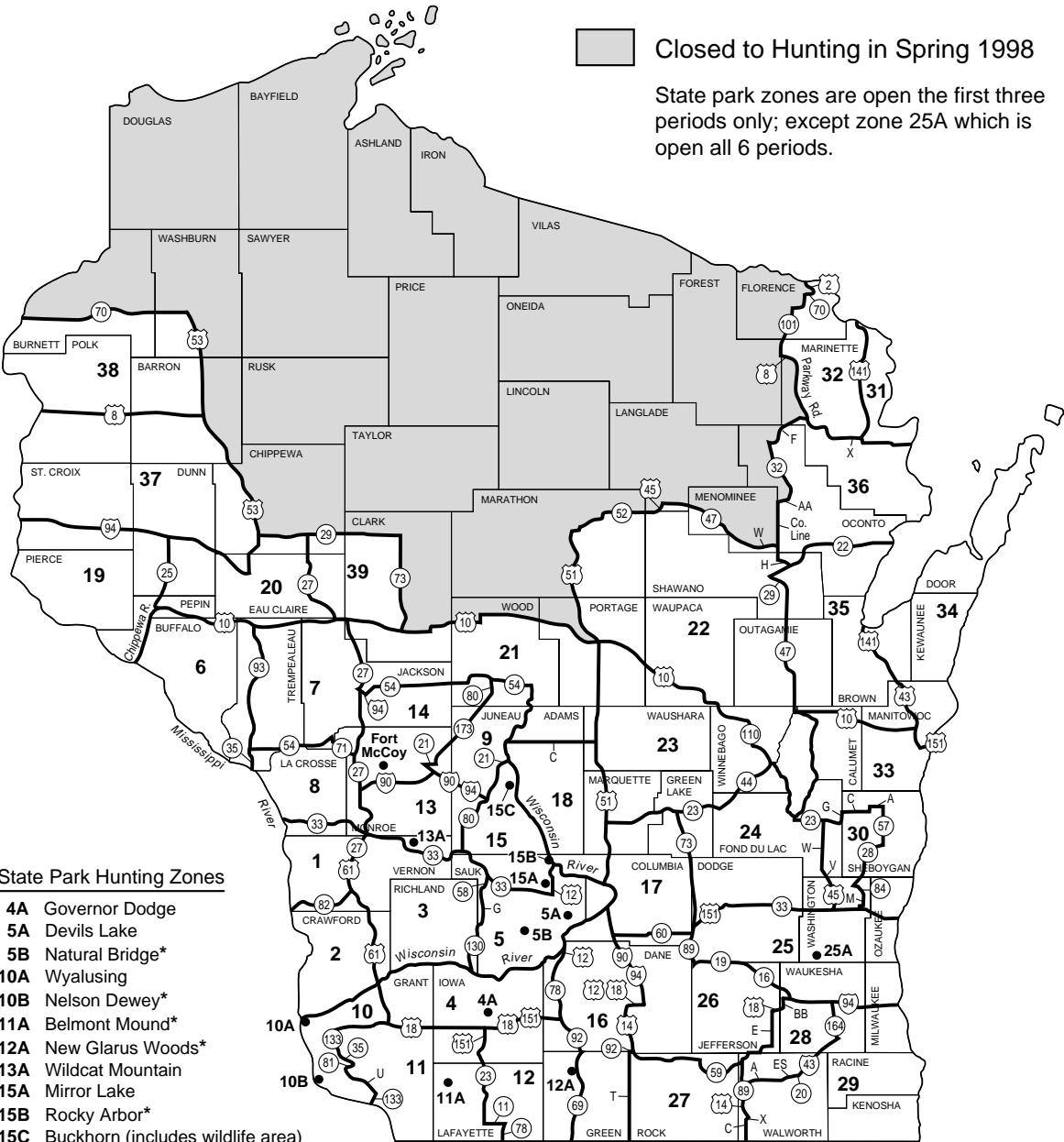


Spring 1998 Wild Turkey Hunting Zones



- State Park Hunting Zones
- 4A Governor Dodge
 - 5A Devils Lake
 - 5B Natural Bridge*
 - 10A Wyalusing
 - 10B Nelson Dewey*
 - 11A Belmont Mound*
 - 12A New Glarus Woods*
 - 13A Wildcat Mountain
 - 15A Mirror Lake
 - 15B Rocky Arbor*
 - 15C Buckhorn (includes wildlife area)
 - 25A Loew Lake Unit - Kettle Moraine State Forest*

* Disabled Hunters Only

Closed to Hunting in Spring 1998

State park zones are open the first three periods only; except zone 25A which is open all 6 periods.

Focus on Safety

Hunt safely. Always identify your target and follow the tips below. Safe Hunting is no accident.

- ◆ Be certain what you see or hear is a turkey—not a decoy or person.
- ◆ Do not wear red, blue or white—the color of a gobbler’s head.
- ◆ Consider wearing blaze orange when moving from place to place.
- ◆ When another hunter approaches, never wave, stand or sound a turkey call; use your voice or whistle instead.
- ◆ Avoid stalking turkeys. Use decoys with caution.
- ◆ Select calling or ambush sites with your back to a tree at least as wide as your shoulders and where you can see at least 40 yards in all directions.
- ◆ Never assume you are the only hunter in the woods.
- ◆ Be certain no one is positioned beyond the turkey you are shooting at.
- ◆ Use a flashlight in the dark.

Prevent Crippling Losses

- ◆ Pattern your gun to know at what distances you have an effective pattern (at least 6 pellets in skull and neck vertebrae).
- ◆ Avoid shooting beyond 35 yards.
- ◆ Aim for the base of the featherless portion of the neck—not at the head.
- ◆ Never shoot at a flying turkey.
- ◆ Be prepared for a second shot if necessary.

Ask First and Say Thanks!

- ◆ The majority of land within Wisconsin’s turkey management zones is privately owned. Wisconsin landowners appreciate sportsmen who ask permission to hunt and say thanks afterward. This builds important landowner-sportsman trust. Remember, entering private lands without permission is unlawful and creates a bad image for all hunters.
- ◆ A Landowner Appreciation Day envelope is included with each turkey hunting permit. Please consider providing the owner of the property you hunt with a ticket to these banquets.

Spring 1998 Wisconsin Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations



1998 Turkey Stamp design by Rockne Kunth, Fond du Lac

Dear Turkey Hunter,

Turkey hunting is one of the most exciting outdoor activities. Enjoy and keep it safe.

I would like to direct your attention to two valuable opportunities that will help to make your hunt more successful and enjoyable. 1) **FREE** Turkey Hunter Education Clinics sponsored by WDNR and the State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. See the announcement enclosed with your permit.

2) Landowner Appreciation Days sponsored by the State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Landowner Appreciation Days give turkey hunters an easy way to say “thank you” for permission to hunt turkeys. Please see the pink envelope included with your permit for more information.

Have a safe and successful spring turkey hunt!

Keith Warnke, Upland Ecologist

Hunter Selection System

- ◆ **Deadlines:** The application deadlines are August 10 for the fall, and December 10 for the spring hunting seasons. A \$3.00 application fee is required.
- ◆ **Landowner Preference:** Resident landowners owning 50 or more contiguous acres within an open wild turkey management zone are eligible for first preference. They may also transfer their first preference status to an immediate family member or resident farm operator (as defined on the application). Eligible landowner preference applicants, or transferees, have first priority for up to 30 percent of the tags within a zone.
- ◆ **One-Year Preference:** Resident applicants that applied for, but did not receive a 1997 spring hunter approval notice were given preference for the 1998 spring drawing. Spring and fall applications are tracked separately. Your preference record for spring hunting will not be used to determine your fall standing. Preference for remaining tags will go to resident, and finally, to nonresident applicants.
- ◆ **Second Tags:** Tags not issued during the first drawing are issued to applicants in a second drawing. Only applicants that applied by December 10 qualify. The same applicant selection process used for issuing the first tags will be used for the second tags. Second tags are only available for undersubscribed zones and time periods.
- ◆ **Fort McCoy:** Applications for Fort McCoy spring turkey hunting permits may be obtained by calling 608-388-3337 or by writing to Fort McCoy, no earlier than February 1. Write to: Directorate of Public Works: AFRC-FM-PWEN (Permit Sales); 2171 South 8th Ave.; Ft. McCoy, WI 54656-5136. *Note: You may **not** apply for a Fort McCoy spring turkey permit if you already received approval to hunt turkeys in a Wisconsin turkey hunting zone for the spring 1997 season.*

License Requirements

- ◆ All successful applicants, *except* senior citizen recreation card and conservation patron license holders, must purchase a Spring 1998 turkey hunting license to hunt turkeys with either a firearm or bow.
- ◆ Successful applicants are mailed a turkey hunting approval notice, registration stub and carcass tag indicating the zone and time period for which the hunter is authorized to hunt. **The approval notice *must* be shown to license vendors when purchasing a turkey hunting license.**
- ◆ Successful non-residential applicants may purchase a turkey hunting license and stamp by calling 608-266-2621. MasterCard or Visa is accepted.

Turkey Stamp and Carcass Tag

- ◆ In addition to the license requirement, all turkey hunters, *except* senior citizen recreation card and conservation patron license holders, must purchase a turkey stamp. The stamp should be signed across the face in ink and must be either stapled or affixed to the hunter’s license by the stamp’s own adhesive.
- ◆ The 1998 turkey stamp is valid for both spring and fall 1998 turkey hunting.
- ◆ A turkey hunting license, carcass tag, registration stub, and a turkey stamp must be in the possession of the hunter while hunting turkeys.
- ◆ It is illegal to transfer a license, carcass tag, or stamp, or allow their use by anyone else.

Assisting Other Hunters

- ◆ If you possess a firearm or bow *and*,
 - a) a turkey decoy or calling device, or
 - b) a member of your hunting party possesses a turkey decoy or calling device, ***you must*** possess a turkey hunting license, stamp and valid, unused carcass tag.
- ◆ No license is required to call turkeys for another hunter if the caller does not possess a firearm or bow. *However, a guide license is required if a fee is charged.*

Wild Turkey Management Zones

- ◆ You may only hunt in the zone(s) and time period(s) specified on your turkey hunting approval notice(s) and carcass tag(s). All established turkey zones are shown on the back page.
- ◆ Eleven state park zones are open to spring turkey hunting. All successful applicants for state park zones should contact the appropriate state park office regarding any closed areas within the park. Five state parks are open only to successful applicants with a Class A or Class C disabled permit: Natural Bridge, Nelson Dewey, Belmont Mound, New Glarus Woods, Rocky Arbor, and Loew Lake Unit—Kettle Moraine State Forest.

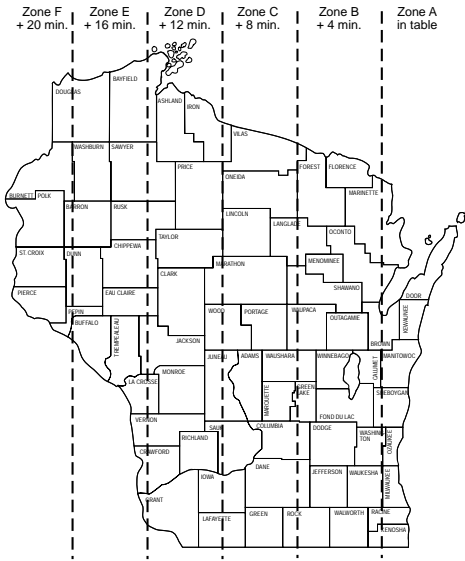
Attend a free Turkey Hunting Clinic. Learn turkey hunting tactics from experienced turkey hunters. See enclosed brochure for dates, times and locations.



Bag Limit

- ◆ The bag limit is one bearded or male turkey per tag issued. A bearded turkey is a turkey with a bristle-like appendage protruding from the upper part of the breast. **Note:** Applicants receiving 2 tags may harvest 2 turkeys on the same day *only if* both tags are for the same time period.

Hunting Time Zones



Other Restrictions

- ◆ You may ***not*** hunt turkeys:
 1. By any means other than a shotgun or muzzle-loading shotgun fired from the shoulder, or a bow and arrow.
 2. With shotshells loaded with shot larger than no. 4 lead or no. 2 steel; duplex loads containing any shot larger than no. 4 lead or no. 2 steel are also *not* legal.
 3. With the aid of recorded bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.
 4. With the aid of dogs.
 5. With live decoys for the purposes of enticing turkeys.
 6. With the aid of bait.

Tagging, Transport and Possession

- ◆ Upon killing a turkey, immediately validate the carcass tag by cutting the slit corresponding to the day of kill; then attach and seal the tag to the featherless part of the turkey’s leg.
- ◆ You may not carry by hand, possess or transport a turkey unless you have lawfully killed and tagged the turkey.

Registration

- ◆ Bring your tagged turkey and registration stub (attached to the carcass tag) to a designated registration station no later than 2:00 p.m. on the day it is killed. An additional registration tag will be attached to lawfully taken turkeys; keep this tag until the meat has been eaten.

Hunting Hours

- ◆ Spring turkey hunting hours are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon each day. Wisconsin’s hunting time zones are shown at the left.
- ◆ To determine the opening (a.m.) time for all zones except “A,” add the minutes shown (see map) to the Zone-A time listed in the table. The closing time for all zones is 12:00 noon.

Season Dates & Opening Times for Zone A

① April 15 5:40 a.m. April 16 5:39 a.m. April 17 5:37 a.m. April 18 5:36 a.m. April 19 5:34 a.m.	③ April 29 5:19 a.m. April 30 5:17 a.m. May 1 5:16 a.m. May 2 5:15 a.m. May 3 5:13 a.m.	⑤ May 13 5:01 a.m. May 14 5:00 a.m. May 15 4:59 a.m. May 16 4:58 a.m. May 17 4:57 a.m.
② April 22 5:29 a.m. April 23 5:28 a.m. April 24 5:26 a.m. April 25 5:25 a.m. April 26 5:23 a.m.	④ May 6 5:09 a.m. May 7 5:08 a.m. May 8 5:07 a.m. May 9 5:06 a.m. May 10 5:04 a.m.	⑥ May 20 4:54 a.m. May 21 4:53 a.m. May 22 4:52 a.m. May 23 4:51 a.m. May 24 4:51 a.m.

Turkey Hunter Education

- ◆ Learn turkey biology and behavior, turkey hunting methods, regulations, safety precautions and landowner-hunter ethics at **FREE TURKEY HUNTING EDUCATION** clinics to be held at several locations in February and March. All permit holders and interested persons are encouraged to attend. The clinics are offered by the DNR with the cooperation of the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

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